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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO

REFERENCE: STATE 229493

1. UPON RECEIPT REFTEL, AND IN ABSENCE GOB FOREIGN MINISTER WHO HAD BEEN AT LIMA CONFERENCE, EMBASSY RAISED WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY QUESTION OF BAHRAIN STANCE ON LIMA RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO. FOREIGN MINISTRY STAFF HAD NEVER HEARD OF IT.

2. OCTOBER 12 AMBASSADOR, IN CONTEXT MAKING STRONG PITCH TO FOREIGN MINISTER ON KOREAN ISSUE, ASKED HIM HOW HE HAD STOOD AT LIMA ON PUERTO RICO. FOREIGN MINISTER ACKNOWLEDGED VAGUE AWARENESS THAT SOME SORT OF RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO HAD BEEN APPROVED BY CONSENSUS AND WENT ON TO LAMENT MOST APOLOGETICALLY ABOUT FAILURE OF GOB DELEGATION (THAT IS, HIMSELF AND A COLLEAGUE) TO PERFORM EFFECTIVELY AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. FOREIGN MINISTER VOWED NEVER AGAIN WOULD GOB BE REPRESENTED AT AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE WITH SO SMALL A DELEGATION THAT IT COULD NOT FOLLOW EVENTS EFFECTIVELY AND MAKE ITS VIEWS KNOWN. HE NOTED, FOR INSTANCE, THAT GOB HAD NO VOICE IN LIMA DRAFTING COMMITTEE AND THAT HE HAD IMPRESSION AFTER THE FACT THAT LIMA RESOLUTIONS WERE SIMPLY A MIXED BAG OF VARIOUS DELEGATIONS' PET GRIEVANCES.

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3.DRAWING ON REFTEL, AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED OUR EXTREME
DISPLEASURE WITH LIMA RESOLUTION, REVIEWED HISTORY OF UN
CONSIDERATION PUERTO RICAN QUESTION AND THE RESULTS OF 1967
REFERENDUM AND NOTED THAT, SHOULD PUERTO RICAN QUESTION GET
BEFORE UNGA FOR VOTE, USG WOULD MAKE CAREFUL NOTE
OF WHO SUPPORTS OUR POSITION.
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